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In re Application of:

John J. Nestor et al. :

App. No.: 08/812,991 : Art Unit: 1611

Filed: March 4, 1997 : Examiner: Mark L. Berch

For: 2-(2-AMINO-1,6-DIHYDRO-6-OXO-PURIN-9-YL)METHOXY-
1,3-PROPANEDIOL DERIVATIVE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 1998, for which a three-month extension of the period for response is requested in the attached transmittal so that the period expires on November 4, 1998, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Rejection of Claims 23-28 under 35 USC 102(b) over Beauchamp

Claims 23-28 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Beauchamp, US Patent No. 5,043,339 (Beauchamp).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner's rejection of Claims 23-28 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Beauchamp is based on the premise that the genus